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Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Happy Winter and happy Valentine's day to all. Our cold nights followed by somewhat moderate daytime temperatures have made life and chores around my little farm pretty doable - with the exception of paddock cleaning. Frozen piles. My collie Hamlet thinks cold ground is wonderful. He is so furry that even when he naps on the snow he stays dry because the snow doesn't melt under him.

The Flyway restaurant at The Lodge at Summer Lake will once again host a lovely Valentine dinner with quite a few menu options. It is important to make reservations early so they can be sure to have all the necessary menu items ready. More information is on page three.

The Christmas Vally Lodge will also be hosting a Valentine dinner with some nice dining options. Again, reserve your dining time and menu choice early to ensure Amber and crew have everything on hand. More information is on page five.

This month I retired my little KIA Spectra at 186,000 miles. It was a hard decision as mechanically it is still really solid, but the breaks need doing and the front end is starting to do a bit of shaking. And, the windshield is so etched that it has become dangerous. If the sun hits it just right, visibility goes down to zero. At 65mph that could be deadly. So I now have a very bright red Jeep Renegade Latitude with all kinds of bells and whistles. It's a nice little car and I just hope it will serve me as well as the KIA did. I did keep the little car because in an emergency it can serve as a back-up.

Pickleball at the Community Hall is finally starting to take off. Baring paid rentals the hall availability days for play are: Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Other times need to be scheduled with Park and Recreation through Karen Morgan. Also, on Bingo Thursdays the hall needs to be empty by four o'clock so they have tie to set up.



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“Thar’s Soda an’ Salt in Them Thar Lake Beds”

By Marie Lee



the product was for cleaning and washing clothes. Free samples were made available at Lakeview Mercantile and Bailey & Massingill.

the possibility of mining salt from both Summer Lake and Abert Lake. In Lake County Examiner’s edition of February

constructed of Oregon fir, fourteen inches in diameter, at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000. Pumping plants, costing about \$500,000 each,



“More than gold was considered precious in Lake County during the early 1900s. Movers and shakers, and those on the fast track to financial success had an idea that Lake County’s ample deposits of alkali might be worth a fortune. However, the cost of extracting soda and salt from those alkali deposits plus getting it to a processing plant and transportation hub made it worthless.

Isolation has always been Lake County’s friend—or enemy—depending upon your viewpoint.

F.L. Young, who was superintendent of the newly formed organization called Alkali Lake Soda Mine, paid a visit to Lakeview in November of 1913. Excitement was generated about mining the soda deposit in Alkali Lake, located in the desert north of Abert Lake. Like borax in Death Valley, California, alkali might bring prosperity to the folks of Lake County.

Mr. Young placed samples of Alkali Lake soda, still in an unrefined condition, in local stores. He was anxious that Lakeview residents see for themselves how excellent

However, difficulty in transporting the product was already apparent. Storms and trouble with their “auto truck” had prevented the company from transporting the soda to a storage facility in Lakeview. The initial load had to be left at Valley Falls and what became of it was never reported. The idea of mining Alkali Lake soda was approximately twenty years before the construction of Highway 395 which now travels down the eastern shore of Abert Lake and across the desert to intersect with Highway 20 between Bend and Burns.

After several futile attempts to commercially mine soda from Alkali Lake that idea as a means for economic progress soon fizzled out.

But wait! There was also

25, 1915, it was printed that an announcement from Portland had Mr. Jason C. Moore of New York ready to drop \$7,000,000

were to be built at both lakes. Pumps were needed to pump the fluid up an elevation of 800 feet for the first twenty-five to thirty



into a salt extraction project. A bill to lease both Abert and Summer Lakes, the Examiner announced, had passed Oregon State Legislature, and was signed by Governor Withycombe.

Abert Lake and Summer Lake, approximately thirty miles apart, are a mere 270 miles south of the confluence of the Deschutes River with the Columbia River. The plan was to transport the liquid product via a pipeline to that point on the Columbia River where cheap transportation was available with both water and railroad.


Pipelines would be

miles of the pipeline. From there a gravity flow system would carry it on to the junction of the Deschutes and Columbia Rivers. At a cost of \$5,000,000 two sites of forty and thirty acres had already been offered for a plant to process the salty solution.

The entire proposal was short lived. It was a lofty and expensive proposal for 1915. Lake County, Oregon has witnessed more than one so-called “far-fetched” notion come and go.


Top: Abert Lake, March 2024

Bottom: Abert Lake about 1915



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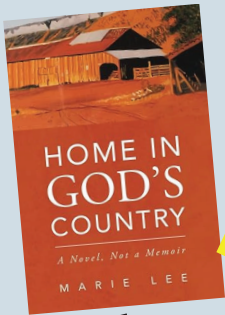


The Flyway Restaurant

The Lodge at Summer Lake

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My Furry Environment

Life at the Crawford house is pretty furry. Every other week there are four very hairy pooches in and out of the house. A short-haired Pitti-Cow dog mix, a Rough Coated Collie, a Boarder Collie and an Australian Shepherd. Added to this canine group are five cats--and if you know anything about cats you know that copious quantities of fur slips off their silky bodies and works its way into every crevice, crack and cranny.

Hamlet, the Collie has an undercoat so dense that he can lay on top of the snow for hours with out melting it. Of course he needs a good deal of grooming and as you can see by the photo (just one grooming session) the undercoat that comes off of him is substantial.

So here is the deal, I save these massive piles of hair with the hope of finding someone who spins and would like to have it. It is clean and ever so fine and soft. If you are interested give me a call at 541 480 0753. Terry



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Chocolate Dip with Strawberries



- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/3 cup dark cocoa powder, such as Hershey's Special Dark
- Sweetened toasted coconut flakes,
- mini chocolate chips, chopped
- toasted nuts and sprinkles, for serving
- 1 quart strawberries (one 16-ounce container)

Whip the cream in a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until foamy. Add the vanilla and 1/4 cup of the confectioner's sugar and continue to whisk until soft peaks form. Remove to a bowl.

In the stand mixer bowl, beat the cream cheese on medium speed with the paddle attachment until lightened, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and add the cocoa powder and remaining 1 cup confectioners' sugar. Beat on low to combine, then increase to medium high and beat, stopping and scraping the bowl down once or twice, until very light and fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the whipped cream and beat on low just until smooth and combined.

Transfer the dip to a serving bowl. Put the toasted coconut flakes, mini chocolate chips, chopped toasted nuts and sprinkles in separate small bowls and serve with the dip and strawberries. Dip the strawberries into the dip, then the topping(s) of your choice.

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By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



smoke may also be effective to keep the girls calm.

You want to collect the dead bees and dispose them away from the front of the hive. This will help in keeping any

patties or bricks into the hive. The very act is damaging to the girls, it not only disturbs them but allows cold air into the hive.

If you plan to feed patties you need to make sure all of



pests figuring out where a free meal might be found.

If you find a hive that has no activity at the entrance you should listen to see if you can hear some gentle buzzing. You can put your ear right on the side of the hive box and most of the time hear a quiet buzzing. If you are not sure tap once or twice on the side of the hive. This will stimulate a reaction. Be warned, this also disturbs the cluster so word of the day, is 'gentle tap'. If you don't feel comfortable or are hard of hearing use a stethoscope. You can usually find them at most drug stores or sometimes at the Dollar Stores,

While out there enjoying your day you should assess the weight of your colonies. I do this by lifting the back of the hives. They still should be pretty heavy as they do not use much of their stores until after mid winter when they ramp up activity to start brood build up.

If you think they are light you need to FEED! In winter this is a challenge bee-cuzz your normal sugar syrup will freeze so you will need to feed sugar bricks. There are many recipes on the Internet to help you out with this task. You need to be very careful when placing sugar

So here it is January already. Only 56 days to Spring! January was a cold long month for the Queen Mother and the girls. The girls went out and did some cleansing flights the last week of the month as the weather moderated somewhat and we had a few days of 45 degrees.

I has some supers that I got some honey off of so I set the supers outside and within about 30 minutes the girls were all over them, cleaning the honey that was left.

The cold days kept the girls in for much of the month. We should be in by the fire reading bee-keeping articles or working on bee boxes for the spring build-up. But, the urge is strong within you- you must see the bees!

So this article will give you and, remind me what to do. First pick battles that are advantageous for the colony. Then, pick a warm calm day get your coat on and your bee jacket and grab your smoker.

The girls may be going on short cleansing flights and you may not see many flying around. They do not have much stamina and if you are standing in their landing pattern you might expect to get tagged.

So what are you looking for? First some activity, bees coming in and out looking around and possibly flying out for a short look see. Look for dead bees on the snow or ground this is normal as the girls will drag out their dead sisters, however if you see bees without heads you might have a shrew issue. Make sure you have mouse excluders in place, 1/4" to 3/8" spacing is necessary to keep both shrews and mice out of your hives. If you have excluders in place check to see if they are unobstructed so the girls can get in and out with ease.

If you see dead bees or debris take the excluder off and insert a narrow piece of wood or similar object and gently sweep out the debris. Be aware you may disturb the girls so make sure to suit up! A slight puff of

Honey cough & Sore throat syrup

- 1 1/2 Tbsp – Lemon Zest (2 Lemons)
- 1/4 C - peeled, sliced ginger, or 1/2 tsp of ground ginger (I like fresh ginger)
- 1 cup - water
- 1/2 cup - lemon juice
- 1 cup - honey

In a small saucepan, combine lemon zest, lemon juice and sliced or ground ginger and 1 cup of water. Bring mixture to a boil, simmer for 5 minutes, then strain into a heat-proof measuring cup. Rinse the saucepan out and pour in 1 cup of honey. On low, low heat, warm the honey, but do not allow it to boil. It is important to keep the honey below 140 degrees. Any higher and the heat will degrade the anti-bacterial properties of the honey. Add the strained, cooled, ginger/lemon zest water. Stir the mixture until it combines to form a thick syrup. Pour into a clean jar with a lid. Note: This can be refrigerated for up to 2 months.

For children ages 1 to 5, use 1/2 to 1 teaspoon every 2 hours. For children ages 5 to 12, use 1 to 2 teaspoons every 2 hours. For children 12 and older and adults, use 1 to 2 tablespoons every 4 hours. (Remember that some infants under one year may be allergic to honey.)

Well that is all until next month, Bee Safe!



How Did Valentine's Day go from dark to a love celebration?

From an article written by Greg Giesen for the Delaware News Journal 2024

How did Valentine's Day go from dark to a love celebration? Here is the origin of the holiday

When Valentine's Day is discussed people immediately think of romance.

You have Cupid shooting his arrow as love blossoms. You have people popping the question at a romantic location. You have couples sharing flowers, chocolates and cards – lots of cards – on a day geared toward romantic love.

Valentine's Day, though, wasn't always like that. In fact, romance had very little to do with the holiday.

What's the dark truth about Valentine's Day?

The holiday's origins, according to npr.com, date back to ancient Rome where the feast of Lupercalia was celebrated from Feb. 13 to 15. Lupercalia honored Lupa the she-wolf who nursed and sheltered Romulus and Remus and was aimed to please the Roman fertility god Lupercus,

according to History.com.

During the festival, Roman men would sacrifice a goat and

who they would be paired with for the remainder of the festival.

When did Valentine's Day



a dog. The men would then run around naked or nearly naked, hitting women with the hide of the freshly killed animals. Women would line up to be hit, believing it would make them fertile. The women's names were then placed in a jar and the men would draw a name to see

become about love and stuff?

According to History.com, Pope Gelasius I, to expel pagan rituals, combined the festival with St. Valentine's Day in the fifth century. The holiday seemed to mature from the revelry of ancient Rome to a day of romantic love over

time. Geoffrey Chaucer and William Shakespeare wrote about love and Valentine's Day and during the middle ages people exchanged Valentine's Day cards, according to npr.com.

It was around 1913 when Valentine's Day literally became a Hallmark holiday. The card maker started to mass produce valentines and from that point the romance and commercialism went into overdrive. Today, you have everyone getting in on the Valentine's Day act with items like Valentine's Day cake pops at Starbucks, Love Bug doughnuts at Dunkin', heart-shaped doughnuts at Krispy Kreme, special Little Debbie cakes or a Blizzard Cupid Cake at Dairy Queen.

In modern times people celebrate the day by buying their sweethearts presents and flowers and taking them out to dinner, basically showering them with affection.

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Caring for Pets in Cold Weather

DOGS: Dog are not biologically built to withstand cold weather.



They need proper shelter to protect them. While the best option for your pets is to keep them indoors during cold weather, this may not be a workable option for you.

If your pets must stay outdoors they need to be provided with safe sleeping

spaces with special considerations for their comfort and safety. When building a shelter for your dog the following tips are helpful. The bedding for the shelter should be a thick pad filled with cedar chips or newspaper. The shelter should be two to three inches taller than the tallest part of the dog when it sits down. Your dog's shelter should have 36 sq inches of floor space for every inch of the dog's height. (If the dog is 10 inches tall it needs 360 sq inches of floor space - 36x10)

The entrance should be protected from the wind. Place the opening off-center to allow space for the dog to curl up in protected corners out of precipitation and drafts. It is a good idea to raise the dog's shelter above the ground as this will prevent moisture, runoff and dampness from getting inside.

It should go with out saying that very young as well as senior dogs should be kept inside - they are far less able to withstand the cold.

CATS: Cats can freeze in cold weather without shelter. Sometimes cats left outside in frigid weather will seek shelter and heat under the hoods of automobiles. This may result in death or injury when the ignition is turned on. It is a good idea to bang loudly on the hood of your car a few times before starting the engine. (Wild animals may also seek shelter under the hood so that banging on the hood will save them too.) Remember that pets wintering outside need more calories and should be fed according. Water is always a critical element of pet care and for the pet living outdoors in the cold special attention needs to be given to assuring they have access to water that is not frozen. A heated bowl is nice but just checking and changing frozen for warm water works well too.



An often overlooked hazard to pet health is spilled antifreeze and Toxic snow melting chemicals. There are nontoxic antifreeze products and ice melt that are pet and plant safe. An antifreeze containing propyleneglycol will not kill your pet. Still it is important to clean up spills and wipe feet if they do accidentally make contact.

HORSES: Most horses don't mind cold weather if they are healthy, dry, well-fed and have access to shelter from the wind. Very old, young and very thin horses often need additional care. Keeping horses dry is a major factor in keeping them warm. A wet coat packs down and loses its protective properties which in turn allows the body heat to be sucked away by the air - especially on a windy day. Because much of a horse's body heat is produced as a result of fermentation of fiber in their hind-gut, calories are important but providing your horse with a steady supply of hay will keep a steady fermentation- heat producing process going. As with all animals access to water is critical. Water that

is not too cold is preferable when possible.

Horses should be given access to shelter so they have a way to stay dry and to get out of the

wind. It doesn't have to be fancy, it just needs to provide a place of protection. Some horses will hang out in the worst weather and others will use the shelter. It is simply important that they have the option to access protection.

Blanketing? There is always discussion regarding blanketing a horse in the winter. One thought is that when you see the cows wearing blankets, your horse needs one. For a horse with a nice dense winter coat this probably is true for most winter days, but there may come a time when weather conditions or other circumstances indicate the need for a blanket.

Years ago, while working as barn manager at Stevenson's Polo Ranch a freak, and very violent weather event came through. While most of the horses boarded there were stalled with runs, they also were turned out into large pastures during the day (weather permitting). At any rate the sky opened up and the wind was blowing at a good sustained 30 mph. Everyone was grabbing jackets, gloves and then heading out to get all the horses into the barn, even the ones that generally lived in large turn-out pastures.

They were soaked to the skin and shivering. Those with heavy winter coats were actually the worst because we couldn't easily dry them. The stable horses were much more slick coated as they were blanketed at night and were ridden regularly.

Every cooler and blanket we had was being piled on the horses which were tied in the aisle way and in some cases doubled up in stalls. The rest of the day was spent getting them warmed up and dry.

The point of this reflection is that it is a good idea to have at least one blanket and one cooler available for that rare time when the weather goes crazy and your horse needs extra help getting and staying warm.

I know you have seen this article before - indeed it was in the January Breeze, but we have been having some brutally fringed nights in recent weeks and our animals need to be protected.

So, back to blanketing. A few days ago one of my friends horse needed to go to Valley Falls to see Dr. Elise Flynn for a check-up and to have a look in her month because she was off her feed. We had to leave early in the morning and my trailer is not closed in all the way. So we blanketed her for the ride. By the time we left, she didn't need it.



One of my favorite stories

I see posts all the time about the dangers of coyote predation. They will eat your little dog, or cat and raid your chicken coop. The chickens do attract these dogs, they attract all dogs and i have had a few dogs in the past that were amazingly good at killing loose chickens. Needless to say they found new homes in more urban environments where there were no tempting chickens to be had.

I think the owls are much better at snagging cats and little dogs. But really our Coyotes perform remarkably well when it comes to catching sage rats, gophers and rabbits, all creatures that play havoc on the hay fields. Okay they steal traps and at times become a nuance but they here. They were here long before this area was settled and if the old story about coyotes and cockroaches holds true; they will be here long after we are gone.

Old Man Coyote of Bunch Grass Butte

By Beckie Womack



Many years ago we had a place at the sink outside of Christmas Valley, Just below Bunch Grass Butte and we ran our cattle there in the summer.

On day I saw a coyote out in the distance walking along the fence and going away from the house. I didn't think much about it at the time. Then one evening I had a bag of garbage and set it on the outside porch. The next morning the bag was torn open and garbage was scattered all over the yard. I cleaned up the mess.

Several days later I had another sack of garbage on the outside porch. I had gotten up early that morning and I looked out the window and there was an Old coyote going through the garbage. I could tell that he was old. He looked bad, and I was sure his teeth were so bad that he couldn't hunt for himself any-more.

I pulled some old hamburger meat out of the freezer and set it out for him and some water too. I took hay and made beds for him in the sage brush, and he used them. I started buying cases of dog food for him and he even got steak at one point. I watched out for him. When he would go away for a few days I would go looking for him.

He got so gentle around me that each morning and evening I would call for him, "Come on Old Man," and here he would come. One day I had the yard gate open and he came right into the yard and walked about.

He stayed all summer but when fall came he started coming in later each night and one day my Old Man didn't come home.



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Rule #1: each rally begins with a serve

The pickleball game (and each rally) starts with a serve. The player on the right side of their court always starts the serve. You serve diagonally to your opponent:

The person serving can either hit the ball after it bounces or out of the air (a "volley serve") and their serve must clear the kitchen (including the line).

When hitting a volley serve, it must be hit with an underhand forehand or backhand stroke with contact below the waist. Your paddle must also move in an upward arc when you strike the ball.

Rule #2: the ball must bounce once on each side before either team can volley

Before any player can hit a shot out of the air (called a volley), the ball must bounce once on each side (known as the "two-bounce rule").

Rule #3: each point continues until a fault

After the serve, play continues until a rally is won either by someone hitting a winning shot or a "fault" is committed. A fault ends the rally. In pickleball, there are four basic fault types:

- The serve lands outside of the required service area or beyond the kitchen (including the line).
- The ball lands out of bounds (behind the baseline or outside the sideline).
- The ball hits the net and falls on your side.
- The ball bounces twice on one side

Rule #4: you can't volley in the kitchen

The 7' zone on each side of the net marks the non-volley zone, or 'kitchen'. As the name suggests, you can never hit a volley while any part of your body is in the kitchen (or even on the kitchen line). You can't let your momentum carry you into the kitchen after a volley either.

That said, you can hit the ball if it bounces in the kitchen—just not out of the air. If your opponent hits a short shot landing in the kitchen, you can enter and play it from the kitchen.

Rule #5: you only win points on your serve

In traditional pickleball scoring, you only win points on your serve and you continue serving until you lose a rally. After winning each point on your serve, you switch sides (left and right) with your partner and serve to the other opponent.

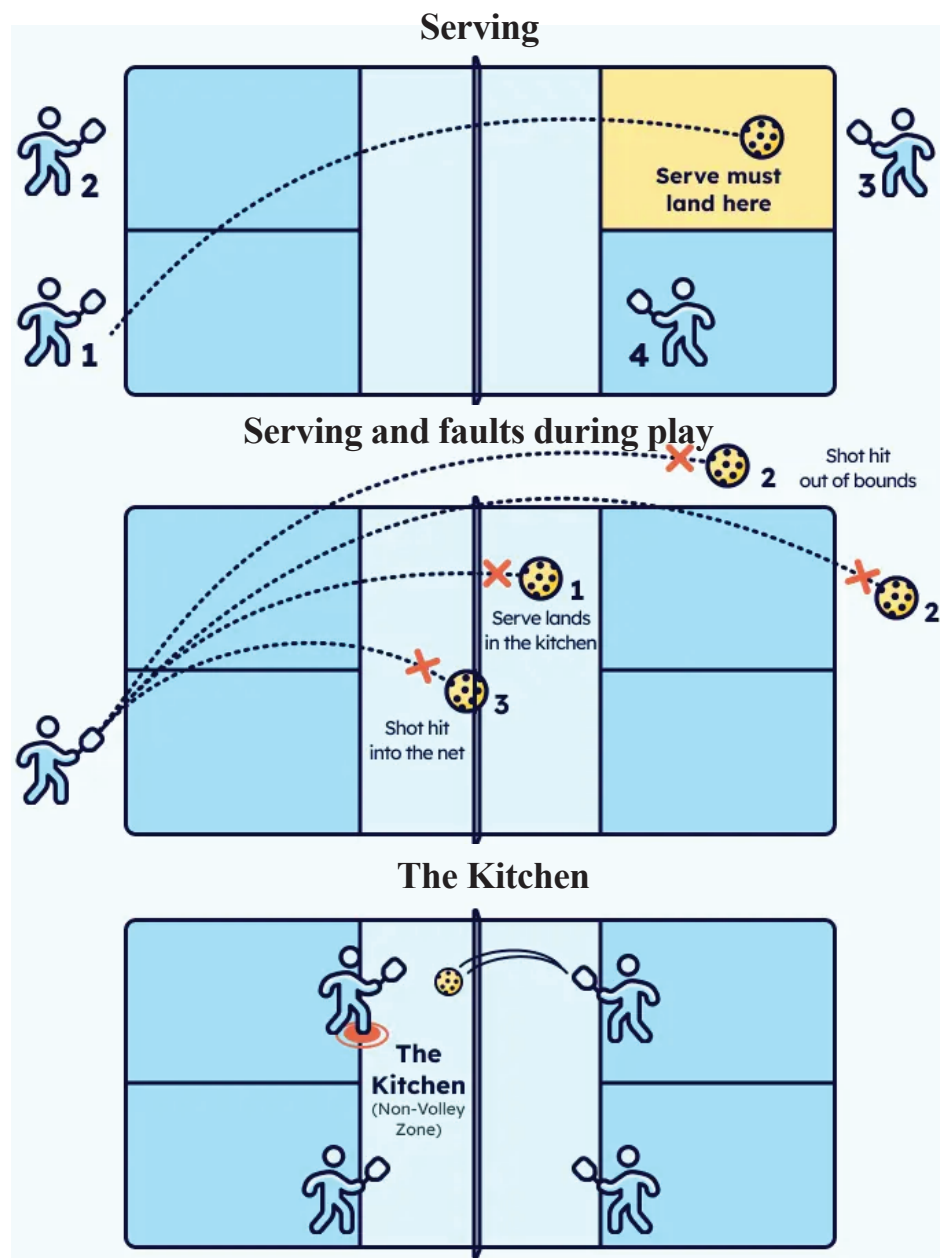
When your team loses a point, your teammate begins serving following the sequence described above until another point is lost by your team (the serving team). Once that happens, the serve "sides out" (switches) to the other team.

Rule #6: the correct score must be called before serving

In pickleball scoring, you'll hear players announce three numbers, like "0-0-2". Here's what each number means:

Rule #7: first team to 11 points wins—but you must win by 2

Following all the rules above, the game continues until one team gets 11 points. However, they must win by 2. As a result, some games can continue for a very long time. You might see final scores of 12-10, 15-13, or even 21-19. These are often the most fun games.



For more details and rule explanations go to, "How to play pickleball - 9 simple rules for beginners," by Brandon Mackie

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**BENEFITS OF PLAYING:
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It may seem as if PICKLEBALL is a pretty new sport but the sport has actually been around nearly 50 years. In 1965 what began as an improvised game to entertain family and friends slowly grew into a game that is played world wide. People of all ages and walks of life enjoy this all-inclusive sport and you are invited to join in the fun.

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Learning the Ropes

Obviously there aren't any ropes in Pickleball, but love the this long ago phrase related to new sailors learning how to tie knots and manipulate the ropes that moved the sails.

As with any new endeavor, there is a learning curve that comes before proficiency. Such is the case with Pickleball.

On Thursday, Jan 30th several people from the exercise group decided that this would be a good time for an introductory session, so we met at the community hall, slid the net into place, grabbed paddles and started 'learning the ropes'. Serving was the first challenge but everyone caught on pretty fast, with one player defiantly showing her athletic talents. Sandra Overton has a great serve and also as we began working on returning serves her very effective backhand came into play.

Did we play by the rules? No this is a learning curve so out with the double bounce rule and the many slightly out of bounds balls were disregarded. Our goal was to get a rhythm going so we could actually get the ball over the net several times before it was totally nonreturnable.

This process of learning involved a lot of ball retrieval, read bending over to pick it up. More importantly laughter was abundant as returning balls somehow became air balls as we looked totally surprised because we were sure we were perfectly set up to return the ball rather than a ripple of disturbed air.



Sandra found these paddles tucked away, researched them and discovered they are vintage, still legal and hers are in nearly new condition.



During play we took a couple of minutes to get some photos. Above are left to right: Terry Crawford, Lillie George and Sandra Overton.

Since none of us really like our pictures taken we ended up being slightly resistant and silly. The energy was positive and we all had a good time and good fun.

I'm pretty sure I was the sorest the next day because early on some of the players had to leave for an appointment, so I played one side alone. Boy did I miss a lot of shots. I'm just not as quick as I used to be, and I'm not going to flatten myself on the cement floor in a valiant effort to return the shot.



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Authored by Ida Dutcher

But not all snakes are bad, so I want you to read this, to know about Petey. Petey the Snake.

PETE THE SNAKE

It seemed that Petey was a pretty small snake who lived in a pit with his mother.

One day Petey was hissing in the pit when his mother said, "Petey, don't hiss in the pit; go outside the pit to hiss." So Petey went outside of the pit to hiss.

Petey was hissing all around when he finally leaned over

and hissed in the pit. Petey's mother heard Petey hissing in the pit and said, "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit, go over to Mrs. Pott's pit and hiss in her pit.

Petey went over to Mrs Pott's pit to hiss in her pit, but Mrs. Pott was hot at home, so he hissed in her pit anyway. While Petey was hissing in Mrs. Pott's pit, Mrs. Pott came home and found Petey hissing in her pit. She said, "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit, don't hiss in my pit, go to your own pit to hiss."

This made Petey very sad, and he cried all the way home. When Petey got home his mother saw him crying and said, "Petey, what's the matter?"

Petey said, "I went over to Mrs. Pott's to hiss in her pit, but Mrs. Pott was not at home, so I hissed in her pit anyway. Mrs. Pott came home and found me hissing in her pit and said, 'Petey, if you must hiss in a pit, go to your own pit to hiss. Don't hiss in my pit.'"

This made Petey's mother very angry, and she said, "Why that mean old lady, I knew Mrs. Pott when she didn't have a pit to hiss in."

When Willard got back late one night he brought us apples, peaches and fresh vegetables, the first we had had all summer. He unloaded them and put them in the cave and the next morning they were all gone. The packrats had carried them far back in the crevice in the cave where we could smell them for days but there was no way we could get to them. However, the rats were not thieves, for everything they had taken they left cow chips, rocks and horse manure.

He had lots of news from old friends and his relatives who lived at Nyssa and it was good to hear from the outside world. It had been July 4th since I had seen a woman and really hadn't had time to get acquainted then. But I was always busy and did not mind as long as Willard was home nights.

Our fruit consisted mostly of dried apples, raisins, prunes and peaches which came in small wooden boxes of about ten pounds and wrapped with heavy blue paper.

Our staple foods were beans, rice, hominy, macaroni, canned corn and tomatoes. Owing to the long distance to town, and long periods of time between trips in, we were often out of potatoes.

Sourdough was always kept for bread and hot cakes and our syrup came in what was called a jacket, three gallon tin cans

covered with a thick cover of thin wood bound on with thin wire. We also got maple syrup in little tin houses painted like log cabins. The children liked to play with them when empty.

I made vinegar pie and also made lemon pie using extract

as we seldom had lemons, and eggs were a very scarce thing until we got our own chickens, which didn't come until later years when wire netting could be had for a pen to keep the coyotes and bob cats from killing them. We bought coal oil

for our lamps and lanterns in square five gallon cans. When these cans were empty the tops were cut out and they were used for heating wash water.

If we ran out of coal oil, we used candles. Or we burned a rag in a pan of tallow which was smoky and we did not like to use, but which was better than no light at all. The lamp chimneys had to be washed every day and wicks trimmed or they would smoke up.

I made all mu soap for laundering the clothes out of lye and old grease. One had to be careful making the soap or get badly burned with the lye.

WILD HONEY

I'm sure there are but few people living today beside myself, that remember the bees and tons of honey there used to be in Succor Creek Canyon.

When we homesteaded there-there were nay bees who had come from the adjoining Rocky ford ranch and taken up their abode in the crevices in the rocks. There were tons of honey there. A huge chunk fell from a cave and Willard and some of the boys who saw it estimated it to be a ton; some of the comb was dark in color so we only took the fresh crop, carried it out in pails and the wash tub. Then I extracted the honey from the wax and had honey for table use as well as cooking and canning for a long time.

But the second year we were there the bees got a disease called "foul brood" and all died and we never had them again as long as were lived there and I don't think there has been any there since that time.

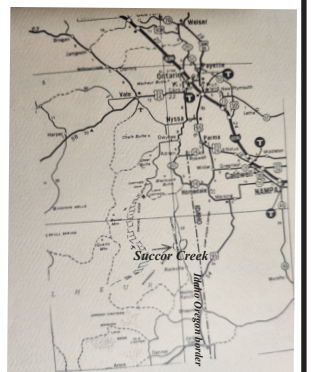


Ida Dutcher

August, 2024 began the serialization of Ida Dutcher's little book, "Our Homestead In the Canyon: Now Succor Creek State Park" in Malheur County, Oregon.

The book was first printed in 1970 when Mrs. Dutcher was 78 years old and shares her memories of homesteading during the early years of her marriage.

We hope you enjoy the read as much as we did. The book has many photos which we will share but because of their age they will not be crisp.



The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting ready to do a little exploring.

LEVI STROUSS & LEVIS

By The Prospector



Now fame, it has been written, comes to men in many different ways. George Knight randomly kicked a rock and discovered the rich lode of metal on Gold Hill in Oregon. “That kick made him famous and rich. Ira Willard worked an unlikely fork on the American river and found the largest placer nugget know at that time. That nugget brought him fame. Mel Fisher found fame that resulted in a massive fortune by sighting through a ‘brown bottle’ when his anchor snagged on a Spanish galleon loaded to the gun-wales with treasure bound for Spain off the coast of Florida. John Marshall ‘salted the trace at Sutter’s Mill. That fraud brought him fame but not in a good way and left him penniless - which he deserved. Fame struck Levi Strauss in a surprise manner too.

The year was 1850, the year California became a state and the year Levi Strauss arrived in San Francisco as he had chosen to sail, with his cargo on a ship traveling around Cape Horn.

His cargo - twelve-foot rolls of tough-wearing denim cotton fabrics. His eye for business told him such materials would be needed in the mining camps for awnings, tents, wagon covers and for the bedrolls of the miners.

Legend has it that when Levi was unloading his fabrics he met an old prospector who was interested in what he had brought with him to sell. When told the boxes contained piece goods, the old miner snorted, “CLOTH? , Hell man,

you should have brought britches to sell, pants for us all to wear.” He pointed to his faded and patched wool trousers. “Everybody’s britches are shot,” he added.

As Levi questioned the old fellow he learned that mining work on the placer streams chewed up the knees and seats of pants. This information gave the young Strauss an idea. “Come with me,” he told the prospector -- I’ll get you a pair of pants.”

The two men went to a tailor shop and Strauss ordered the tailor to make pants to the miner’s specifications, with a loose seat and cut from the tough denim fabric, double-stitched. The miner was elated with the new trousers and told other miners to, “Look at these pants

of Levi’s. I never had a pair as tough and strong as these before.” That was when the name Levis stuck.

Soon dozens of miners had come to Levi Strauss to have their old pants replaced with his long-wearing Levis. News of the now popular britches spread to the surrounding ranch country as the cowboys found them well suited for their regular riding and for tough work like banding in the corrals.

So well established had Levis become before the turn of the century that a story was being told of Washoe Charley (an old Indian guide. A man who knew men such as Theodore Roosevelt and William Cody ad Teddy and Bill. He had guided dozens of millionaires in the mountains to hunt-always discouraging them from carrying along too much gear. “Where we go we need this many things (holding up one hand). We take rifles, bullets, blankets, salt and Levis. Washoe Charley must have

been a great salesman

After World War II women were demanding jeans that were mad for women. Levis that was what was needed. A completely new pattern of ladies only pants, and Lady Levis were born. The new pattern acted as a girdle by putting the tummy in and flattening the stern section, enhancing the natural feminine appeal - now unmarred by the former, “sloppy Joe” look women made when they got into ill-fitting men’s pants. The ‘rise’ had to be greater and the stern section needed considerable amplification. But, the waist had to take a good shrinking.

Many a tale has been told of Levis and here is one that



bears retelling. A lady found her neighbor stuck in the mud by the road. She didn’t have a chain or rope but did have an old pair of Levis. She tied a leg to each bumper. The Levi Strauss trademark had for years been a picture of two horses training to pull apart a pair of Levis with the caption, “A new pair if they rip,”

Recently in Northern Nevada some old mine site resulted in eight pairs of Levis, stored away and long forgotten. These were pants used by the miners. The finder took them home and washed in a modern washing machine. Now noting that Levis can be dated about as well as coins, these Jeans were over 100 years old and still serviceable! Placed at auction they brought a small fortune.

It is obvious that Levi Strauss didn’t include “planned obsolescence” in his design and to be honest the real credit goes to the ‘Old Prospector.’”

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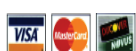
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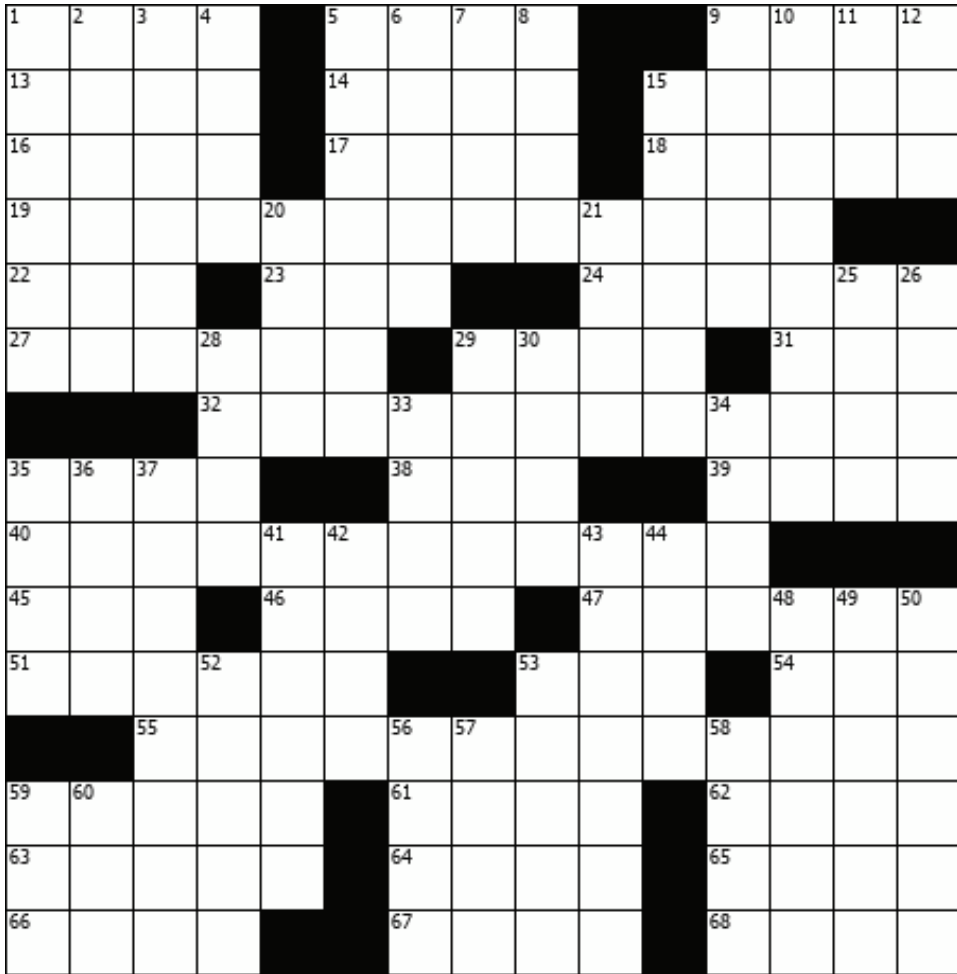
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- 16. Meat purchase
- 17. Victorian
- 18. Dolphin locale
- 19. Nutty idea?
- 22. Exploit
- 23. Large brewer
- 24. Sacrificial spots
- 27. Famed Florentine family
- 29. Opposed
- 31. Flowery adornment
- 32. Salon delivery
- 35. Hurl
- 38. Peck at
- 39. Acorn suppliers
- 40. Cagey folks?

- 45. Follower of Santa?
- 46. Still pink
- 47. Afternoon snooze
- 51. Make as good as new
- 53. "Ain't ___ Sweet"
- 54. Well-known hat wearer
- 55. Inuit, perhaps
- 59. Just right
- 61. Stop!
- 62. Encourage
- 63. Stale-smelling
- 64. Yellow brick road follower
- 65. Buds
- 66. Fountain of jazz
- 67. Boozers
- 68. Assist in shenanigans

Down

- 1. Bath powder
- 2. Stir up
- 3. Ready for a cold takeoff
- 4. Plummeted

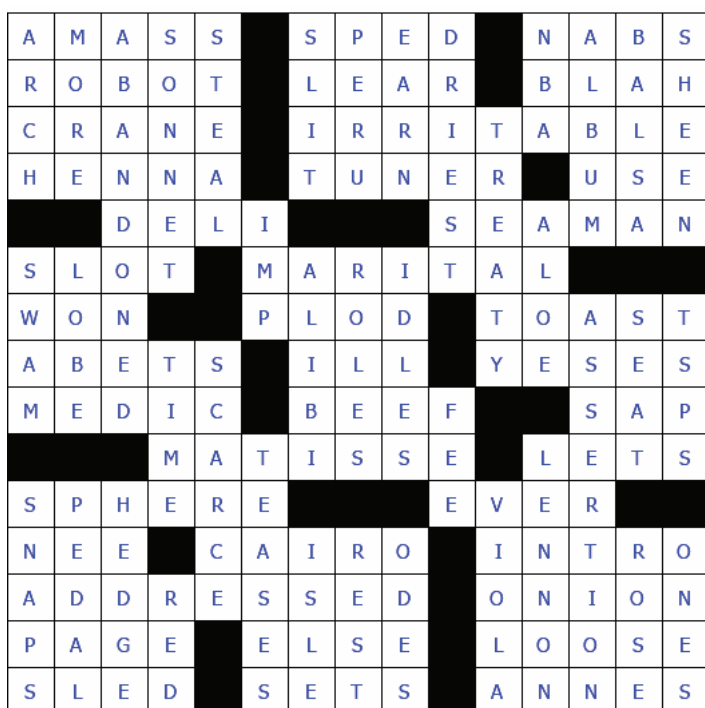


- 5. Shopping marts
- 6. Mr. von Trapp was one
- 7. Radar notation
- 8. Big rig
- 9. "Ash Wednesday" poet
- 10. Pierce portrayer
- 11. Grand Canyon viewpoint
- 12. Omega preceder
- 15. "The Mighty Ducks" star Estevez
- 20. Smart remark?
- 21. Group with hdqrs. in Belgium
- 25. Big stink
- 26. Letter addressees
- 28. Analogy phrase
- 29. Speedily
- 30. Response to the Little Red Hen
- 33. Israeli prime minister during the Yom Kippur War
- 34. Kennedy matriarch
- 35. Romanov ruler
- 36. Top-notch
- 37. With the most lather
- 41. Ruffled
- 42. Gambler's card game
- 43. Containers for every litter bit
- 44. In ___ of
- 48. Brightly colored beetle
- 49. Snarl
- 50. Certify to be true
- 52. Marble material

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